

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council,

April 16, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

20.044 An Order to Authorize Intermunicipal Agreement with MEMA During COVID Emergency

- WHEREAS, a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen within the world, country, state and City of Northampton due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and other illnesses (“the pandemic”); and
- WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Northampton declared a State of Emergency in the City of Northampton due to the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Northampton Board of Health declared a State of Emergency in the City of Northampton due to the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, in response to the pandemic, the Commonwealth, through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, has contracted for isolation and quarantine housing at the Quality Inn and Suites, 117 Conz Street, Northampton; and
- WHEREAS, the City has agreed to provide support to this site through the Northampton Police Department, and the Commonwealth has agreed to reimburse the City for certain expenses associated with that police support; and
- WHEREAS, the Commonwealth proposes to memorialize the agreement in a Memorandum of Agreement entitled, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, dated April , 2020; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with Mass. Gen. Laws 40, § 4A, the approval of the City Council is required in order for the City to enter into an agreement to perform joint services with a state agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 4A, the Northampton City Council approves the agreement between the City of Northampton and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts entitled MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, dated April , 2020, for provision of security support for isolation and quarantine housing at the Quality Inn and Suites, 117 Conz Street, and for reimbursement by the Commonwealth for certain expenses associated therewith.